



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

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Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

Date: April 22, 2004

USDA issued an amended Order restricting movement of nursery stock from California nurseries on April 22. This Order replaces the April 9 Order.

Using the regulatory authority granted in the Plant Protection Act, the Deputy Administrator of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine issued the Order to prevent the interstate movement of *Phytophthora ramorum*, the fungus-like organism that causes a plant disease popularly known as sudden oak death.

The amended Order prohibits the interstate movement of any listed host nursery stock and associated articles from any commercial nursery in the non-quarantined areas of California until the nursery has been inspected and determined by USDA to show no evidence of *P. ramorum* infestation. The procedures and protocols for making this determination are detailed in the order (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/sod/>). The Order also adds associated articles to the currently regulated articles in the existing Federal regulation.

This Order will remain in effect until amended or until USDA can publish an interim rule in the Federal Register.